



Ministry of Women

JUNE 2011

Baby News

Born:

Abigail Louise

Born on: April 8th

To: Matt & Jody Goss

Kole Matthew

Born on: April 15th

To: Matt & Mandy Ottaway

Matthew John

Born on: April 16th

To: John & Stephanie Vince

Isabella Louise

Born on: May 12th

To: Dan & Jenilynn Booy



Expecting

Meaghan Poort—May

Ruth Oosterhof—July

Candice Archer—July

Melissa Rondinelli—July

Janet Perl—September

Ang MacDermid—September

Ida Karelsen—October

Rachel Zantingh—October

Tiffany vanKlinken—October

Melissa Kelly—October

Janessa Klazinga—October

Dana Moesker—November

Dialogue From Deb...

Joy; a small three letter word, but yet defined differently by so many. To some, joy may be a summer barbeque or tanning on a beach. To others, it's finally turning off the alarm clock and sleeping in. But what brings you joy? Do you ever stop and think about that? Depending on your situation, joy can come in many different ways.

Recently, I met a gal who spoke to me about doing all those things that brought her "joy." She has a special interest in finding joy; she has terminal cancer and her body continues to fail her. I've had a chance to speak with her and share into her life a bit, but then my thoughts went to her salvation. I had to make sure she knew about Jesus, and the life after

this hurting one is over. I made sure she knew I would be praying for her, and her face would light up each time. Upon further checking in with her, I was telling her about Christ being a refuge in the time of storm which I thought would bring great joy to her. Unfortunately, that's when she stopped e-mailing with me. My joy had suddenly taken a turn for disappointment. I just figured that we'd be able to talk about her salvation, and then perhaps I would have the privilege of leading her to the Lord while she still had strength to find joy in Him. This gal needs a Saviour which in turn would complete her joy. For her, it seems that the words of salvation have fallen on deaf ears. Psalm 90:14 says "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love; that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."

Joy for me is many things. I find joy in little things—like grandchildren who desperately try to write me notes while still just learning to spell. I find joy in books and flowers and the smell of fresh coffee brewing; I find joy in big things like long-awaited-for vacations, and secretly blessing others; but most of all, thank you Lord for the *joy and peace* that knowing you brings to my life.

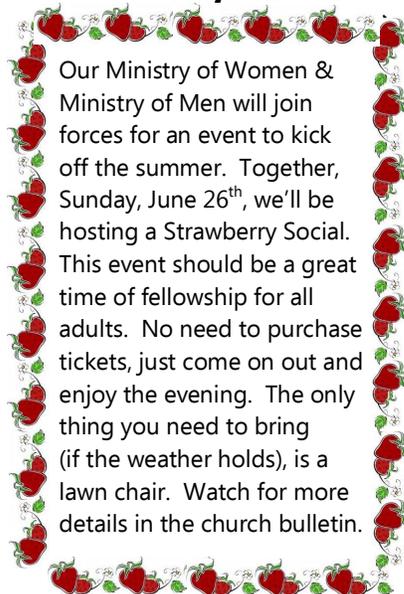
I encourage each of you to stop and make a mental list of those things that bring you joy this summer. Whether the list is large or small, I'm sure you'll be able to trace each item on that list back to His unfailing love.

Have a great summer!

Blessings,

Deb

Upcoming Events



Our Ministry of Women & Ministry of Men will join forces for an event to kick off the summer. Together, Sunday, June 26th, we'll be hosting a Strawberry Social. This event should be a great time of fellowship for all adults. No need to purchase tickets, just come on out and enjoy the evening. The only thing you need to bring (if the weather holds), is a lawn chair. Watch for more details in the church bulletin.

We have several new babies arriving this year at Peoples' Church to first time moms, and you'll notice the Ministry of Women is hosting the showers in groups of two or three. This has worked out quite well in the past when we had a large "baby boom." Watch for details and pace yourselves. We're averaging one shower per month until the fall. Praise the Lord for His blessings!



Pithy Proverb

"The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps."

Proverbs 14:15

"But" - A Divine Interruption - Joy Wilpstra

Recently, I was reading a friend's well-written 'Religious Views' on Facebook, and I was motivated to reconsider my own. My posted status of 'Christian' is probably a little too generic in our post-modern culture which led me to ponder how to summarize God's intervention in my life – salvation – in just a few words. A verse, a fragment really, came to mind – **"But..."**

Titus 3 reveals that no one is exempt from the basic human condition of being "deceived and enslaved" and of living "in malice and in envy." Most certainly, that characterized me. The deception of sin kept me from even comprehending my enslavement to it, and I constantly maligned others in my thoughts and words to build myself up. My 'spirituality' only increased my blindness, and 'born again' was a term that made me squirm. Like, really squirm...

"But..." God, in His great kindness and love, knew I needed a divine interruption in this self-righteous and complacent walk to Hell, and He intervened through the double-edged sword of His Word. I

was studying the Bible to increase head knowledge **but** He had a greater plan. I was a slave in Egypt...**but** He led me out. I was a very dead resident in the valley of dry bones...**but** He made me alive through the breath of His Spirit. I was a broken cistern...**but** He brought me to the spring of living water. I was blind...**but** He caused me to see. The cords of death entangled me...**but** He delivered my soul from death.

Dear sister, when God interrupts *you*, when He knocks at the door of *your* heart, listen to Him. Whether He speaks to you in a still, small voice or in a flash of light, pay attention. Now is the time of God's favor; now is the day of salvation! Like Saul on the Damascus road, stop and fall to the ground. Like Samuel, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Like Jacob, wrestle with Him until daybreak, until He blesses you. Prepare to be uncomfortable. God is, after all, removing your heart of stone. You are being crucified with Christ. He is stripping away the filthy rags of your righteousness, and those layers of pride don't peel away easily.

Yes, to my great surprise, even I needed that **"But..."** moment, and God showed me that being born again was not only for Baptists (yes, I really thought that!). Remembering my condition without God, reminds and enables me to show humility and love to others who are unsaved – truly, **but** for the grace of God, there go I.

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved... We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. (Titus 3 – NIV)

Please excuse me while I make some changes to my Facebook ...

In His love and for His glory,

Joy



Prayer Requests

- 🙏 Sustenance for our pastors and their families as they minister to the body.
- 🙏 Strength for those who are caring for a loved one.
- 🙏 Peace for our widows and those in mourning.
- 🙏 Safety for our missionaries and the people they are ministering to.
- 🙏 Direction for our young people as they come back from school for the summer months.
- 🙏 Travelling mercies for the Life Action Team.
- 🙏 Pray that we would treasure the words of His mouth more than our necessary food.
~ Job 23:12

>>>>> A "Fast-Forward" To The Fall <<<<<



Our Bible Studies have wound down for the season, but look for three exciting options for the fall. You'll want to pencil in September 20th on your calendar for start up.

The Ladies' Bible Study has a need for nursery/toddler workers for the fall. We are expecting an influx of children due to the fact that there will be a study offered for young moms. If you would be willing to help out with this ministry, please contact Karen Coyle @ 519-704-1110.

watch for details for our fall event scheduled for September 22nd. I know we've just begun to think about summer, but you know how quickly time flies.



your Little corner of the world

By: Joyce vanKlaveren

In the past couple of summers, I've learned something about myself. I love gardens, but I'm not so keen on gardening. My need to simplify due to the demands of my growing family, work schedule and ongoing business has drastically affected my gardening choices. For example, I love urns, but probably the best time saver is the fact that I stopped searching for individual plants and grasses, and have resorted to purchasing hanging baskets and simply inserting them into my urns. They are already well established, colour coordinated by the professionals and make my life of planting and fall clean up much easier. For contrast, I planted a couple of urns with small simple evergreens. They have lasted over 3 years and require no fuss. I barely water them, and they don't have to be winterized. Herbs grace my back door in a small pot, and I've even resorted to tomato plants amongst my perennials, all within arm's reach.

Simple can still look great!



Chicken With Curry Dill Sauce

- 2 tbsps butter
- 2 tbsps flour
- 1/8 tsp salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp dill
- 1/2 tsp curry powder
- 6 chicken breasts

1. Melt butter over medium heat. Add flour,

salt and pepper; stir until smooth.

2. Remove from heat. Add the mayo, dill and curry; stir until smooth.

3. Place chicken breasts in a greased casserole dish. Pour sauce over chicken.

4. Bake at 375 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

